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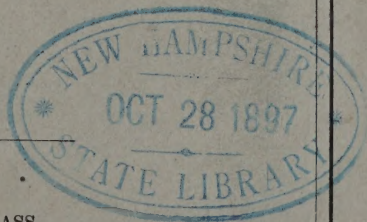
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The Selectmen charge themselves with the sum of seven thousand and one hundredths dollars, (\$7001 11).

Received from the following sources, viz:—

From Treasurer for 1874,	\$ 117 65
“ Samuel C. Colcord, Collector for 1874,	180 00
“ State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax,	61 44
“ “ “ Rail Road Tax,	133 95
“ “ “ Literary Fund,	79 12
“ Amos Chase for town Farm and Int. on same,	1615 75
“ Sale of Furniture, &c., at Town Farm,	42 03
“ Use of Town Hall,	20 00
“ Moses J. French, Collector for 1875,	4707 17
“ Interest on \$1100, eight months,	44 00
	\$7001 11

The Selectmen discharge themselves as follows, viz:—

By paying arrearages for the year 1874, and previous.

For printing Town Reports,	\$ 25 00
Money due School District No. 6,	100 00
William F. Sanborn's bill,	5 00
Doct. Raynolds for Returns,	2 50
Doct. Sanborn “	1 50
Doct. Crittenden's bill, attending Caleb Wilson,	15 50
Sundry bills for breaking roads,	181 45
Money due School District No. 5,	40 00
Board of Elmer C. Carter and Sylvia Winslow's	
child,	21 33
Lydia Randall's note in full,	295 00

ABATEMENTS PAID IN 1874.

Paid Charles E. Norfolk,	poll tax,	1 72
Benjamin F. Town,	tax,	2 16
Charles Robinson,	“	1 72
A. E. Knight,	“	2 77
John Colby,	“	1 72
Nathan Nayson,	overtax,	3 25
Robert W. Varrell,	“	4 56

Discharge of the Selectmen continued for 1875, by paying
the following bills:—

State tax,	\$1124 00
County tax,	1046 46
Support Stephen S. Webster,	45 50
Board of Joseph Tucker,	80 00
Pants for “	2 75
Doctor for “	5 50
J. F. Marshall for assistance to Joseph Tucker when sick,	10 00
Support of Mrs. Moses Rogers and family.	26 84
Doctor for Mrs. Moses Rogers,	8 00
Rent of house for Mrs. Moses Rogers,	8 00
Wood “ “ “ “	14 25
Board of Elmer C. Carter and Sylvia Winslows's child,	52 00
Board and clothing for Gale children,	145 50
Books and Stationery,	12 06
A. J. Cilley, services as town clerk,	35 00
Return of births and deaths by Doct. Reynolds,	5 25
“ “ “ Doct. Sanborn,	1 00
Printing auction bills,	2 25
A. C. Chase for cupboard sold and not delivered,	1 50
John H. Martin, care of town hall,	3 00
S. S. Collins, “ “	4 45
R. L. Prescott, for wood,	5 50
Moses J. French, for collecting \$4857.17 taxes,	72 85
F. A. Spofford, for labor and tile for drain,	30 12
William Winslow, breaking roads,	90
Jacob Webster, Jr., “	1 20
John H. S. Sanborn, “	1 60
C. B. Clark, for services as selectman,	50 00
“ “ for 16 trips with horse,	40 00
“ “ services as treasurer.	35 00
“ “ services and expenses Fall inventory,	33 50
R. L. Prescott, services as selectman.	40 00
“ “ making taxes,	15 00
“ “ superintending school committee,	26 00
“ “ paid for notices,	1 00
“ “ for 16 days, Fall inventory,	32 00
George F. Quimby, services as selectman,	39 00
“ “ 16 days, Fall inventory,	32 00
Expense on 35 tramps,	26 81
Non-resident highway taxes work,	32 28
Aid to Alphonzo Gey, a county pauper,	22 87

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid prudential committee district No. 1,	\$187.04
“ “ No. 2,	289.46
“ “ No. 3,	251.83
“ “ No. 4,	50.27
“ “ No. 5,	137.55
“ “ No. 6,	215.00
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	\$1131 15

PARSONAGE MONEY.

Paid Congregational society,	\$118.59
Methodist, “	61.07

Universalist, "	61.95	
Freewill Baptist society,	8.85	
2d "	32.75	
Baptist "	4.43	
Advent Meleniel,	5.31	
	<hr/>	\$292.95

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid J. H. S. Sanborn, non-resident highway tax,	\$ 7.58	
John W. Sanborn, bridge timber,	15.36	
Joseph Judkins, "	5.48	
J. H. S. Sanborn, "	3.00	
" " " breaking roads,	60	
	<hr/>	\$32.02

DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid A. F. Davis, Non resident Highway tax,	\$9.63	
A. F. Davis, for timber and labor on Bridge,	18 80	
John B. Hanson, bridge timber,	5 13	
	<hr/>	\$33.56

DISTRICT No. 3.

John P. Davis, Highway Non resident tax,	\$6.00	
C. B. Clark, for rails for Causeway,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$8 50

DISTRICT No. 3 1-2.

Geo. E. Elkins, Non resident Highway tax,	\$3.48	
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DISTRICT No. 4.

Geo. W. Wright, Non resident Highway tax,	\$17.77	
For Posts, Rails, Hoop Iron & Spikes,	9.55	
	<hr/>	\$27 32

DISTRICT No. 5.

Samuel Carter, Non resident Highway tax,	\$17.27	
John P. Kimball, for bridge timber,	15 10	
Isaac W. Silloway, for bridge timber,	15 10	
Jacob Webster, Jr., for bridge timber,	2 30	
	<hr/>	\$49 77

DISTRICT No. 6.

Robert W. Varrell, Non resident Highway tax,	\$59.42	
John S. Brown, bridge timber,	45.23	
	<hr/>	\$104 65

DISTRICT No. 7.

John F. Tucker, non resident Highway tax,	31 92	
	<hr/>	\$31.92
Total for Highways and Bridges,		\$291.22

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid James Barrett, 2 Sheep killed by Dogs,	\$11.00	
Frances Bartlett, Sheep killed by Dogs,	6.00	
Hosea B. Bartlett, Sheep killed by Dogs,	26.00	
Moses J. French, Sheep killed by Dogs,	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$53.00

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Abatement on Isaac W. Silloway's tax,	5.00
Robert W. Varrell, Horse,	.31
Frances Bartlett, Horse,	.62
Paul Hunt, tax,	1 62
Brown & Glandes, tax,	10 15
Osmund Spofford, tax,	8 70
Dogs,	13 00
John B. French, Horse,	1.25
Simeon Allen, Poll tax,	1.25
Edward Philbrick, cow,	.50
Chas. E. Norfolk, poll tax,	1.25
Peter Gonyew, poll tax,	1.25
A. N. Knight, poll tax,	1.25
Jake Stone, poll tax,	1 25
John Shelling, poll tax,	1.25
Thomas Gilman, poll-tax,	1 25
Joseph Gilman, " "	1.25
John W. Prescott & Co., mill burned,	12.50
E. P. Gale's heirs, tax,	.62
Adam Lyman. poll-tax,	1.25
James R. Willis, poll-tax,	1.25
Stephen Powell, " "	1.25
Thomas O'Connell, " "	1 25
Thomas Currier, overtaxed,	.36
Joseph Noyes, " "	.72
Rowell & Sleeper, " "	2 17
George Tilton, " "	1 87
David Webster, " "	10.87
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	\$85 26

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 4th, 1876.

Due on town parsonage fund,	\$5200.00	
" " school fund,	1260.00	
" school district No. 6,	66.61	
" Christian Advent society,	18 59	
	<hr/>	\$6545 20
Due county of Rockingham, for support of Moses E. Gale, to July 1, 6 months,		76.00
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		\$6621.20

RESOURCES OF TOWN MARCH 4TH, 1876.

Due town on collector's bond, 1871,	\$21.78
" " " 1873,	30.00
" " " 1874,	18 00
" " " 1875,	150.00
Due from Government bounties,	800 00
John W. Prescott, for grass,	13.25
County of Rockingham, for assistance to William Toad,	14 50
County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered 57 tramps,	39 31
County of Rockingham, for assistance Mrs. S. R. Smith,	10.00

County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered Alphonzo Guy,	22.87	
Elmer C. Carter, by order of Court,	200.00	
Elmer C. Carter, costs of prosecution, per order of the Court.	-----	
County of Rockingham, for assistance rendered George Yies,	6.00	
Money in the hands of treasurer,	1271.46	
	<u>-----</u>	\$2537.17
Amount the town owes March 1, 1876,		<u>\$4024.03</u>

RECAPITULATION.

The amount the treasurer has received during the year ending March 1, 1876,	7001.11
Amount paid out by the treasurer,	5729.65
Remaining in the treasury.	1271.46
Liabilities of the town, March 1, 1875,	5526.08
Amount of town debt March 1, 1876,	4024.03
Decrease from debt of town March 1, 1876,	1502.05

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER'S REPORT CONDENSED,

Received from all sources,	\$7001.11
Paid bills of 1874, including note to Randall,	\$705.13
Miscellaneous bills, 1875.	3170.94
School money,	1131.15
Parsonage money,	292.95
For highways and bridges,	291.22
For sheep killed by dogs,	53.00
Abatements,	85.26
	<u>-----</u>
	\$5729.65
Amount of money in treasury,	<u>\$1271.46</u>

CHARLES B. CLARK, } *Selectmen*
 R. S. PRESCOTT, } *of*
 GEORGE F. QUIMBY, } *Kingston.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

CITIZENS OF KINGSTON :

Among the duties devolving upon the Superintending School Committee, it is reasonably expected that he give at the close of the school year, a concise and impartial statement of the progress made, and condition of schools. While we would not shrink from duty, but discharge every obligation "according to the best of our ability," it is apparent to all that offence, without intention, may be given.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

W. L. NORFOLK, Prudential Committee.

The school commenced May 3, and closed July 2, was taught by Miss Clara E. Woodman of Kingston. Miss W. labored assiduously for her scholars. Though mild in discipline, the general features of the school were good.

Winter term, by same teacher, commenced Sept. 6, closed Dec. 22. The school appeared exceedingly well during my visits.

The closing examination was attended by a few parents, who were interested, and took part in the exercises, and seemed to be well pleased with the school. If I were to advise a change in her mode of governing, would say, more rigid discipline, though it excel home training.

Length of both terms 23 weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

JOHN B. HANSON, Prudential Committee.

Miss Josephine H. Wadleigh of Brentwood, took charge of this school April 26, continuing till July 2. The fall term commenced Aug. 30, by same teacher, and closed Nov. 12, making twenty-one weeks in all. Miss Wadleigh has had considerable experience in the school room, and came here well recommended as a teacher. This is the most advanced school in town. During my visits I always found Miss W. perfectly "at home," quietly, patiently, and faithfully discharging the duties of her calling. Suffice it to say, success crowned her efforts.

Winter term commencing Dec 6 and closing Feb. 11, was taught by Mr. E. C. Fisher of Sunapee. Mr. F. is a good scholar, yet failed to convince the district that his mode of governing was what it should have been—that he was indiscreet, was visible at noonday. A portion of the school made fair progress in reviewing, hence it was not a total failure.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

T. O. REYNOLDS, M. D., Prudential Committee.

This school was under the tuition of Miss Nellie M. Elkins of Danville, commencing May 3, ending July 2d. The people of K. are generally well acquainted with Miss Elkins. Having taught several terms in town, and towns adjacent, she has earned an enviable reputation as a lady, teacher and disciplinarian.

Fall term beginning Aug. 30, ending Nov. 19. Winter term commenced Dec. 6 and closed Jan. 7. Were taught by Miss Elkins. I always found good order, the school room neat and tidy, pupils attentively and well employed.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Lying or rather joined to a district in Newton. Shall not say much in regard to this school. There is generally *one scholar* from K. going to this union school, perhaps inter. It costs about fifty dollars yearly, to pay

his tuition of a few weeks. Oh, generous people!! such magnanimity.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN P. STICKNEY, Prudential Committee.

This school for the school year of eighteen weeks, was taught by Miss Nellie F. Little of Atkinson. This is reputed to be a difficult school to teach, yet I have a different opinion, being well acquainted with the people there. They are interested in their school. Average attendance for the year only 4 1-2 less than the whole number. No other school in this item did so well. School began May 3, ending July 1. Fall term began Oct. 4, closing Dec. 3. After which a private school of a few weeks was taught by same teacher. Miss Little gave universal satisfaction to the people of No. 5. At the closing examination of Summer term the school room was tastily trimmed with evergreens and lilies. The scholars are not advanced in their studies, as in most schools in town, and this is "the reason why," perchance. They leave school too soon. "Make haste slowly."

DISTRICT NO. 6.

LABAN QUIMBY, Prudential Committee.

Summer and Winter terms of twenty-six weeks were in charge of Miss Laura A. Merrill of Chester. Miss Merrill has the ability to govern and teach. Affable and easy of conversation with her pupils, gaining their love and respect. In her school you will find perfect order and smiling faces. In this school there is almost a "prodigy of learning." Georgie Bartlett, ten years of age, excels all of his years, in reading, spelling, geography, grammar, analysis and arithmetic. Many older scholars would be pleased to be his equal in mental attainments. I think his parents may allow or give him too much study.

REMARKS.

SCHOOL HOUSES. No. 1. The oldest in town, built

of brick; and out of repair. The seats are awkward things. The feet of the smaller children cannot touch the floor. "A word to the wise," &c.

No. 2. Good school house, good well of water close by. Thanks to the Dist. for leading in this matter. The fence around school yard is not in keeping with other things.

No. 3. Good school house, but a well of water, and shade trees would add to the comfort of the children.

No. 5. School house nearly new and in good repair, speaking in general terms. School yard too small. Has been enlarged, but owing to some informality, may not be accepted by the Dist. They sometimes pull in opposite directions.

No. 6. This school house was built A. D. 1846, of broken granite. Two years ago the Dist. voted to raise by taxation one hundred dollars, and chose the late Moses Quimby to expend the same in repairs. Most efficiently did Mr. Quimby attend to the duty assigned him. It is now a pleasant school room.

Parents should visit schools during the term, if they would enjoy the closing examination.

Do not crowd too many studies upon the children at a time. See to it that they attend to reading and spelling, Eng. Grammar.

Geography, arithmetic and penmanship, *after* which, not before, higher English, languages and the higher ethics if desired.

The school at Academy does not come within my official range, yet, I am pleased to say there has been a flourishing school the past winter. Daniel J. Bakie, Principal,

Miss Abbie J. Sanborn, Assistant. Both are teachers of much merit.

During my school visits, I have shared the hospitalities of friends, toward whom my thoughts are wont to turn in grateful acknowledgments.

If I have failed to give satisfaction, or erred in judgment, 'tis consoling to know, that to err is human.

The foregoing report is most respectfully submitted.

R. L. PRESCOTT, *Supt. School Com.*

STATISTICAL RECORD.

	No. 1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
Wages of male teachers per month, including board,		40.				
Wages of female teachers per month, including board,	30.	32.	36.		30.	34.
Whole number of different scholars, four years of age and upward, attending not less than two weeks is,	22	41	36		39	36
Average attendance of scholars during the term,	16	33	30	Newton.	34½	29
No. of visits by Supt. School Committee,	4	6	4		4	4
“ “ “ Prudential “	2	0	0		0	1
“ “ “ citizens,	38	57	46		23	53
“ pupils attended to Reading,	22	41	36		39	36
“ “ “ Spelling,	22	41	36		37	36
“ “ “ Penmanship,	14	29	20		20	21
“ “ “ Arithmetic,	14	30	29		21	23
“ “ “ Geography,	11	12	18		17	11
“ “ “ Grammar,	4	17	15		10	7
“ “ “ Composition,	7	4	32		14	5
“ “ “ Book-keeping,	2	0	1		1	
“ “ “ Algebra,		5				

Pupils not absent one-half day, Dist. No. 3: Lizzie Sanborn, Lizzie Bakie, Carrie Pierce, Fred. Tuck, Charles Pierce, Frank Abrams, Frank Pierce, Fred. Webster, Simeon P. Clark.

